

2022 AQS Christmas Countdown with Janome



Block Seventeen: Dresden Wreath

Finished Block Size: 8½" x 8½" Unfinished Block Size: 9" x 9"

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Materials

- Dresden plate template (Please check your printer settings and make sure the 1" square is exactly 1")
- Thread – a 50wt medium gray was used for the construction and a 40wt red metallic was used for the applique
- Ribbon – choose any size you wish – a 6mm width was used for the example

Cutting Instructions:

From the Red solid fabric:

(2) 5 1/2" x 5 1/2" squares

From the Green solid fabric:

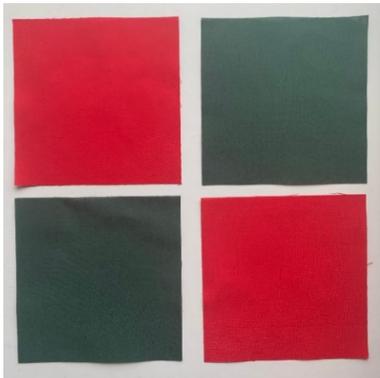
(2) 5 1/2" x 5 1/2" squares

From the 4 different prints of fabric:

(1) 8" x 8" square of each print

Directions

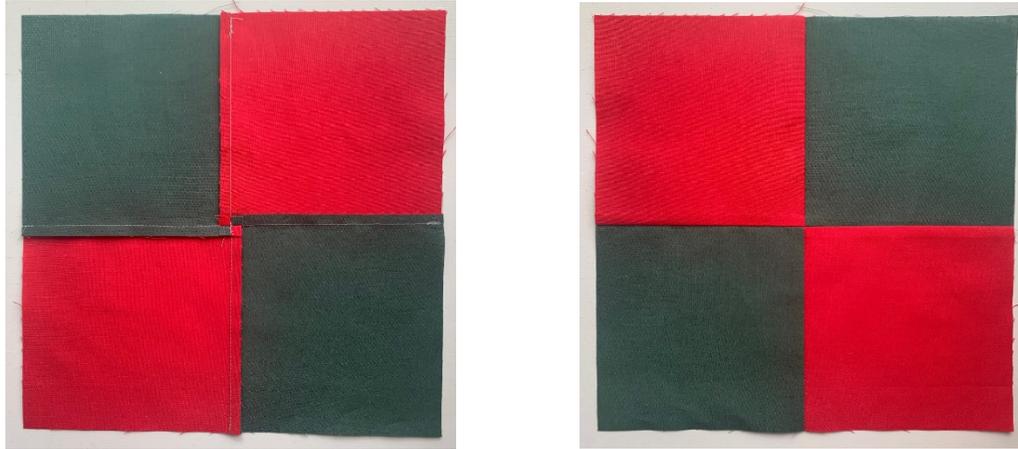
- 1) From the solid fabrics cut four 5½" squares, two red and two green.



- 2) Using a quarter inch seam, sew these squares together forming a four-square block.

Press the seams toward the green fabric. This alternates the seams and makes them lock together when sewing the final seam. Sew the final seam, press the seam toward the red fabric, and pinwheel the center to reduce bulk.

The block should measure 10" square and will be trimmed down to the required size later. Set the block aside for now.



- 3) Use the Dresden Plate template to cut five pieces from each of the four different prints of fabric for a total of twenty pieces.



- 4) Fold a piece in half lengthwise, right sides together, and stitch a seam across the widest and narrowest ends, backstitching to secure the ends.

You may want to chain stitch all the pieces together as each is folded and stitched.

Turn each stitched fold right side out and press with the seam in the center. Use a point turner to obtain sharp points being careful not to poke through the fabric.



- 5) Stitch all the plate pieces together alternating the colors until the final plate is formed.
- 6) Press all the seams in one direction.



- 7) Using your favorite applique technique, sew the finished Dresden Plate to the background you completed in steps one and two, making sure to center the Plate. In the example, a 40wt red metallic thread was used to echo inside the Dresden Plate.

- 8) Trim the block evenly to 9" x 9" unfinished.
- 9) Make a bow using ribbon and stitch it to the Plate.



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